

REMARKS

By way of the above amendment, Applicant is canceling the non-allowed claims without prejudice for prosecuting in a future continuation application. Applicant notes that claims 21, 23, and 24 were allowed. Applicant has amended claim 21 to further clarify that the heat sealable layer comprises one of the plurality of extruded polymer layers.

New claims 29 through 31 are dependent claims directed to the inorganic additive being calcium carbonate.

Applicant has amended claim 28 to include subject matter in allowed claim 21 and it is believed to be in condition for allowance. New claim 32 depends from claim 28 and directed to calcium carbonate being present in one of the second or third barrier layers.

Applicant believes that by way of the above amendment, the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his/her convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of the present Amendment, to permit early resolution of same.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3172.

Respectfully submitted,

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